

Amendments to the Specification

Substitute the following amended paragraph for the original paragraph having the same number.

[0021] Base 78 and carriage 80, the binder platens, form an opening immediately adjacent to accumulator holding tray 66. Preferably, holding tray 66 and platens 78 and 80 are aligned at substantially the same angle to allow stack 64 to move easily into the opening between platens 78 and 80. Once the edge of stack 64 is positioned in binder 26, heating strips 88 are activated and motor 74 is energized to close press 76 by driving carriage 80 against stack 64 and base 78, as shown in Fig. 9. Heat and pressure are thereby applied to the imaging material applied by printer 10 to the binding region along the edge of the sheets in stack 64. Motor 74 is then reversed to open press 76 by driving carriage 80 away from stack 64 and base 78. Retainer 70 ~~76~~ is raised off the now bound stack 64, ejector rollers 60 are reversed again to route the bound stack 64 through accumulator discharge port 61 to stacker bin 18, and registration wall 68 is raised in preparation for stacking the next print job, as shown in Fig. 10.